FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that it has received no proposal from Allahabad Bank for opening of its Zonal Office at Bhubaneshwar.

(c) As per available information with RBI, Allahabad Bank has got Zonal Offices in the following cities:—

Bombay
Calcutta (2 Zonal Offices)
Patna
Bhopal
New Delhi
Varanasi
Lucknow
Meerut
Kanpur

भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम में माइक्रो-प्रोसेसरों की स्थापना

1677. डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम के विभिन्न कार्यालयों में माइक्रो-प्रोसेसर लगवाये गये हैं; यदि हां, तो उनकी संख्या कितनी है;

(ख) क्या ये माइक्रोप्रोसेसर केवल अंग्रेजी के हैं अथवा इन पर हिन्दी में भी कार्य किया जा सकता है;

(ग) यदि ये माइक्रोप्रोसेसर अंग्रेजी भाषा में ही है तो ऐसे यन्त्र हिन्दी में अथवा द्विभाषी रूप में तैयार करवाने के लिये क्या प्रयत्न किये गये हैं और इस कार्य में क्या प्रगति हुई है; और

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि माइक्रो-प्रोसेसरों के अंग्रेजी में होने के कारण अनेक ऐसे काम जो पहले हिन्दी में होने लगे थे अब फिर अंग्रेजी में होने लगे हैं?

वित्त मंत्रालय में आर्थिक कार्य विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुवर्डो फेलेरियो) : (क) जी, हां। अब तक 460 माइक्रोप्रोसेसर लगाए गए हैं।

(ख) इस समय लगे माइक्रोप्रोसेसरों से केवल अंग्रेजी में ही कार्य लिया जाता है।

(ग) विभिन्न निर्माता और सोफ्ट-वेयर प्रतिष्ठान हिन्दी अथवा द्विभाषिक रूप में कार्य करने के लिए उपयुक्त उपस्कर और सोफ्टवेयर तैयार कर रहे हैं।

(घ) जी, नहीं।

Seizure of gold

1678. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated quantity of smuggled gold seized in the country alongwith its value during the past one year;

(b) whether any arrests have been made in each case;

(c) whether any steps are being contemplated by Government to stop smuggling of gold into the country; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) 6094 Kgs. (provisional) of gold worth Rs. 200 crores approximately have been seized by the Customs authorities during the last calender year 1988.

(b) 3255 (provisional) number of persons have been arrested by the Customs authorities during 1988 for being involved in smuggling activities. Separate figures in respect of persons arrested for being involved in gold smuggling alone are not maintained.

(c) and (d) The anti-smuggling drive has been intensified and the anti-smuggling machinery throughout the country particularly in the vulnerable areas and the land borders and the coastline and at the international airports and seaports has been geared up. Close co-ordination is being maintained between all the agencies concerned in the prevention and detection of smuggling including that of gold. Sophisticated equipment such as X-ray baggage machines, metal detectors and night vision binoculars are being increasingly used.

Deposits in Nationalised Banks

1679. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that deposits in the nationalised banks have been constantly decreasing for the last four years;

(b) if so, what were the annual deposits in each bank yearwise, during the above period;

(c) what are the reasons for decline in the deposits;

(d) whether any steps are being taken by Government to attract people to deposit their money in banks; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) There has been a steady increase in the aggregate deposits of nationalised banks during the last four years and the figures are as follows:

..	(Amount in Rs. crores)
December, 1985	52366.91
December, 1986	63666.71
December, 1987	74135.81
December, 1988	88693.57

The annual aggregate deposits bank-wise are given in the annexure [See Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 92.]

Mobilisation of deposits is an important activity of the banks and they strive for these through their service/banking facilities.

Seizure of Gold

1680. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 14th February, 1989 to the effect that the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence officials seized gold worth Rs. 25 crores during the month of February, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any arrests have been made in this connection;

(d) whether any inquiry has since been conducted into the matter and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what is the number of such cases detected during the last two years and what are the results of inquiry in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Officers of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence have seized 743 Kgs. of gold worth Rs. 24.37 crores approximately in the month of February, 1989 in six different cases. A sea-going vessel worth Rs. 10 crores has also been seized in one of the cases. 23 persons have been arrested in these cases.